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HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE

FALLS CITY VISITED BY MID-NIGHT BLAZE.

Toose Department Store Totally Destroyed, Causing Loss of More Than \$60,000.

Fire supposed to be of incendiary origin destroyed the department store of Walter L. Toose in Falls City at an early hour yesterday morning. The building and its contents are a total loss. The Butler building occupied by J. H. Flower's law office was also burned, and the Tavern hotel was damaged to the extent of probably \$1000.

The only fire-fighting apparatus available was a small chemical engine and a bucket brigade. The citizens worked hard, however, and with great difficulty saved the hotel. The losses and insurance are approximately as follows:

Walter L. Toose, \$60,000; insurance, \$35,000.
Mr. Elinor Butler, \$250; insurance, \$100.
J. H. Flower, \$500; insurance, \$250.
F. E. Dwyer, \$1000; fully insured.
Mr. Toose had not decided yesterday whether he would rebuild, but it is probable that he will.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Toose, the family having apartments in the Tavern just across the street from the store. Mrs. Toose was awakened about half past twelve by the noise of an explosion in the store and immediately called to her husband. Mr. Toose arose hastily and, clad only in his night dress and trousers, ran across the street and endeavored to gain entrance to the building by the front door. The fire at this time was burning furiously in the one-story rear addition, occupied by the hardware department, and it was doubtless the explosion of powder cans and cartridges that had awakened Mrs. Toose from her slumber. The main building was also filled with smoke and the flames were rapidly eating their way toward the main entrance when Mr. Toose attempted to open the door. Removing the padlock, he started to swing open the door to enter, but the heat was so intense that he found it necessary to hastily close it to save himself from danger and to prevent the flames from being spread by the draft. It might be remarked in passing that the padlock on the front door was the only article saved from the burning building.

Finding himself unable to gain entrance from the front, and having the desire to save his books firmly fixed in his mind, Mr. Toose rushed around to the north side of the building and forced his way into the office by breaking in a window. Once inside the building, he found the smoke stifling and the heat almost unbearable, but nothing daunted he ran to the vault and made a hasty attempt to throw the combination on the heavy steel door. Here his efforts again proved vain, and after a few ineffectual turns of the knob, he staggered through the window into the street, coughing and choking from the effects of the smoke. By this time, the entire building was in flames, and seeing that burning efforts to save any of its contents would be useless, the unfortunate owner reluctantly abandoned the attempt. Mr. Toose's townsmen are now congratulating him upon his inability to reach the interior of the vault, for had he once gained admittance and become absorbed in the gathering of his valuable books and papers, it is doubtful if he could have made his escape, so rapidly was the spread of the flames.

Save Other Buildings.

The burning of the big building soon aroused the town and filled the streets with men, women and children. Seeing that any effort to save the store would be useless, attention was turned to the hotel building, which was already blazing furiously. Forming a bucket brigade and bringing in to use a small chemical engine, Falls City's only fire fighting machine, a line of men and boys were soon heroically battling with the flames. At this time, a breeze was sweeping down the Luckiamute canyon from the west and the heat was well-nigh unbearable. Indeed, so hot did the fire become at one time that the fight was abandoned. But urged on by Mr. Toose, who, forgetful for the moment of his own loss, was taking the lead in protecting the property of his neighbors, the valiant band again returned to the attack, and a few minutes later the flames were under control. Falls City was saved!

Was Polk's Largest Store.

The Toose store was the largest general merchandise establishment in Polk County. Founded in 1863 by the Bryan-Lucas Lumber Company, it was later purchased by F. A. Lucas, who greatly enlarged both the building and the stock. Mr. Lucas conducted the store until about two and one-half years ago and then sold it to Walter L. Toose, who, for many years, had been known throughout the valley as one of the leading merchants and hop buyers of Oregon. Mr. Toose at once moved his family from Woodburn to Falls City and took personal supervision of the store. Under his able management, the stock was rapidly increased and a branch store was opened at Black Rock to accommodate the trade of the logging camps.

The Falls City store, burned yesterday morning, occupied a frame building of four stories and a basement with a total floor capacity of over 15,000 square feet. In addition to a heavy stock of drygoods, clothing and furniture, the store maintained a complete hardware department and an immense stock of staple goods, such as groceries, provisions and loggers' supplies. Goods of the last named classes were purchased heavily out of capital. An idea of the magnitude of the business of the concern can best be gained from the statement that the value of the stock under Mr. Toose's management was at no time less than \$50,000, and it often greatly exceeded that sum.

At the time of the fire yesterday morning, the stock had been greatly enlarged by the arrival of new Spring goods, an invoice of something over \$600 having been opened only last Saturday. Mr. Toose informed an Observer representative yesterday that that there is now on the road from Chicago a shipment of something over \$2000 worth of Spring goods. This loss was that of his township. His policies are among his other papers, and until the vault is opened he will not be able to ascertain the extent of his protection from loss. Neither is he able to state the amount of money due him on account. His books are among the small, while Mr. Toose is naturally much concerned about the condition of his books and papers, it is hardly probable that they have been destroyed. The vault in which they are stored is a substantial brick structure and its appearance would indicate that it has not been seriously damaged by the fire.

Other Losses Are Small.

The building occupied by J. H. Flower was a small one-story frame and stood diagonally across the street, on the north, from the store. It was owned by Mrs. Elinor Butler and was probably worth \$250. Insurance on the amount of \$100 was carried on the building. Mr. Flower's safe was badly scorched by the flames, but his principal loss was that of his typewriter, books and office furniture. He carried insurance in the McMinville Mutual Company, represented by Judge Charles Gregory of this city. The Brown plumbing shop, next door to the Flower office and in process of construction, was only slightly damaged.

The Tavern hotel building is badly damaged and an outlay of several hundred dollars will be necessary to restore it to good condition. The west wall is badly scorched and every window is missing. It is probable that closer inspection will show that the interior has also been considerably damaged by the fire. The loss of Mr. Dwyer, the owner, is fully covered by insurance.

One of the remarkable features connected with the fire is that the Toose oil house escaped without damage. This small building stands on the high bank of the river, not more than twenty feet from the burning building, and its walls are not even scorched. The Lucas barn, another frame structure a few feet west of the store, is also unharmed, although the Observer is informed by men who assisted in removing the horses that they found their hands and faces almost blistered by the heat before they could get the animals out of their stalls and into the street. It is evident that the slight wind stirring at the time was blowing directly down the canyon and toward the main business district of the town. Had the fire occurred in the dry summer months, with the wind blowing in the same direction, not a business house on the north side of the river would have been left standing.

Heroic Work of Citizens.

No account of the misfortune suffered by our neighbor town yesterday morning would be complete without some mention of the heroic work performed by its citizens in saving the greater portion of the business district from destruction. With no water system to aid them, and without fire apparatus of any kind except a small chemical extinguisher, the men and boys of the town, led by Mr. Toose, worked for nearly an hour in the building and blistering heat, and by sheer force of effort succeeded in saving the Tavern hotel and preventing the fire from extending to the remaining business buildings which line either side of the main street on the north side of the river. It is plainly evident that in confining the flames to the comparatively limited district west of Bridge street, an effort was put forth by these loyal and determined citizens that was all but superhuman. To the men who took part in this work and saved the town from destruction, the people of Falls City owe a debt of gratitude they can never repay.

Will Probably Rebuild.

Mr. Toose was unable to say yesterday what plans he had determined upon for the future; in fact, he had no planned what he would do, but he humbly bows to misfortune and give up the fight. Therefore, it would not surprise his friends in the least should he announce his intention to begin at once the building of a greater and more modern store on the ruins of the old. And it is earnestly to be hoped that he will Falls City and Polk County cannot afford to lose such men as Walter Toose.

Eastern Mail Comes Earlier.

E. S. Piper, mail clerk on the morning passenger train from Portland, informs the Observer that the fast mail train now arrives in Portland at 7:50 o'clock in the morning instead of 7:55 as heretofore. This change in the schedule makes it possible to transfer the Dallas mail to the morning train on the Yamhill division, thus cutting off about 24 hours from the time formerly required for mail to reach this city from the Eastern states. The improved service will prove a great convenience to every patron of the Dallas postoffice, and especially will it be welcomed by the business men of the city.

Hear "The Discovery of the North Pole," by Robert E. Peary.—At Stockwell's Music Store.

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HAS DIFFERENT VIEW

DALLAS HOP GROWER CRITICIZES HORST LETTER.

Says Pacific Coast Hops Have Never Sold Higher in England Than English Product.

Abel Uglov, the well-known hop raiser and capitalist of this city, is one grower who is not deeply impressed by the letter recently written by E. Clements Horst to the hop farmers of Oregon and printed in the Observer of last Tuesday. Not only does Mr. Uglov refuse to accept the advice offered by Mr. Horst, but with characteristic frankness he does not hesitate to pronounce many of the New York man's assertions as nothing more than humbug.

The statement to which Mr. Uglov takes the most radical exception is the one to the effect that "in the years 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898, the coast hops brought on an average three cents higher than did the English hops." This, he declares, is not in accordance with the facts.

"If Pacific Coast hops have ever sold at a higher price in England than the English hops, I have never heard of it," said Mr. Uglov yesterday. "It is true," he continued, "that coast hops are always in demand in the English market and that English brewers fully realize their good quality, but it is not true that they are willing to pay more for a coast hop than for the home product. Neither is it true that they are willing to pay as much for Pacifics as for Gorman and Bavarian hops. Just why this is so, I am unable to say, but it may be a fact, as it is sometimes claimed, that they find the European hop superior in the manufacture of certain grades of beer, and it is possible that loyalty to a home industry and a certain feeling of prejudice against the product of a New World country has something to do with it. One thing is certain: If England has a large crop, her brewers will buy as few coast hops as possible, and at such times the price of the coast hop is correspondingly low. But the English brewer at all times demands a certain quantity of Pacifics, and if the crop on the coast is short, the price may very nearly approach that of the English hop, grade for grade."

"In the year 1901," said Mr. Uglov, "I went to London, taking with me \$25,000 worth of hops, condensed in my myself. While in England on that trip I made a careful study of the market, interviewed as many of the importers as possible, and also visited the hop fields in Kent. During my visit I called on George Bird a number of times and had several talks with him. I also visited his warehouses and inspected many samples of English hops. I did not see any German or Bavarian hops, but found the English samples to be a smooth, fine, silky hop. The English buyers claimed that the best grade of English hops was superior to the best grade of Pacifics, but whether this claim is true, I am unable to say.

"My visit to the growing district taught me that the English farmers dry much the same as we do, except that they dry in small circular kilns. These kilns range in diameter from 12 to 24 feet. The largest house I saw was 24 feet in diameter. It is there that the hops are dried, and it would require four or five English kilns to do the work of one of ours. This method of drying is probably in no way superior to our own, but it is certain that the English grower far excels us in the care taken in picking and handling his crop, and it is possible that this has something to do with the higher prices paid by English dealers for his product.

"I notice further in Mr. Horst's letter that he talks of 'advertising' as being our only means of salvation in securing better prices for our crop abroad. In this connection, I desire to say that I have practically every brewer, large and small, during my stay in London, and not one was Pacific hop, and especially Oregon hops. I am honestly of the opinion that these brewers know as much about the quality of our hops as we do, and possibly more than most of us do.

"Mr. Horst suggests that it might be a good plan for American growers to incur the slight expense of furnishing these brewers with a chemical analysis of our hops. If American hops brought a higher price in England for four consecutive years than did the English hops, as he claims, what possible benefit could be gained by such analysis? Such conflicting statements and advice by Mr. Horst show either his insincerity or his ignorance of the subject under discussion. I submit that in either event, his suggestions are apt to be given little weight or serious consideration by the coast growers. The fact is, no brewer cares a snap of his finger for any chemist's test. Every brewer is his own tester. And it must be a very small brewer in England who knows nothing of the quality of American hops. Any talk to the contrary by Mr. Horst is the veriest humbug, and he knows it. The growers of the Pacific Coast will welcome any advice or suggestions from any quarter that will aid them in securing a better price for their hops, but Mr. Horst will have to put up a better argument than that contained in his recent letters if he expects his suggestions to meet with the serious consideration of the Oregon hop raisers."

Mountain Lions Take Flight.

Will Flippen had the unusual experience one day last week, of having to dispute the right-of-way with a couple of cougars. He was near the Williams place on the Sisk creek road, in Township 4-8, when he looked up and saw a big cougar in the road a score of paces ahead of him. Will stopped in his tracks, for he had no gun with him. After a moment the big cat moved along the road, crossed the bridge and slipped into the underbrush. The man was about to continue on his way when another cougar, larger than the first, crossed the road and followed in the trail of his mate. —Willamina Times.

MANY WERE MASKED

Enjoyable Social Event at Woodman Hall in Dallas.

The young ladies masquerade ball, given in the Woodman Hall last Friday night, was the most brilliant social event of the year. Sixty maskers were present and their costumes were the handsomest ever seen in Dallas. Desiring to make the dance completely successful, the managers engaged at heavy expense a professional costumer to come from Portland and supply the necessary disguises. The arrangements had been admirably planned, and the management of the ball itself reflected rare credit on those having it in charge. A program of late popular music by the Dallas orchestra of seven pieces added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. The hall was beautifully decorated with ferns, Oregon grape, flags, crimson hearts and bunting.

Many of the old familiar characters were noted among the maskers. After most of the costumes were new to Dallas spectators. So varied were the characters represented, and so rich the costumes, that the judges, Mrs. E. C. Richmond, H. L. Fenton and W. G. Vassall, found it a difficult task to decide upon the prize winners. After careful deliberation, the awards were made as follows: Handsomest lady costume, Mrs. Eugene Byerly; handsomest gentleman costume, Clarence Shultz; best sustained lady character, Mrs. Will Tatum; "Indian woman," best sustained gentleman character, Judge L. D. Brown; "Ole from Eola," J. S. Brown.

Supper was served at Postelthwaite's restaurant from 11 until 1 o'clock. The excellent menu furnished for the occasion served to spread Mr. Postelthwaite's reputation as a caterer and increase the popularity of Dallas' new restaurant.

ENTERTAIN PLAYERS

Reception to Basketball Teams at Home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fenton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fenton entertained the members of the Multnomah and Dallas basketball teams and a few invited friends at their hospitable home after the game Saturday evening. Twenty-four guests were present and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed, after which a delicious lunch was served. The parlors and tables were prettily decorated with pink carnations and other cut flowers. Mrs. Fenton was assisted in entertaining by Miss Boydston, Miss Elsie Ray, Miss Hallie Coad, Miss Frankie Hayter and Miss Viola Coad.

Following the serving of refreshments, humorous and pleasing talks were given by several members of the visiting and home teams. The guests also enjoyed the inspection of the large collection of college and club pennants brought home by the Oregon team from their Eastern trip last year. In bidding good-bye to their host and hostess, the Portland boys all spoke in terms of deep appreciation of the kindly treatment accorded them by the people of Dallas on the occasion of their annual visits to this city.

Those present were: C. Campbell, A. Allen, H. Barton, H. Fisher, E. Morris, W. Tobias, T. Young and J. Mackie, of Portland; C. Fenton, W. Hallantyne, H. Goode, C. Shaw, F. Boydston, L. Rice and W. Boydston, of the Dallas team; A. F. Toner, August Risser, V. P. Flake, Professor Clyde Winter, J. C. Hayter, Alvie Morton, Elmer Strayer, Robert VanOrsdal and Blair Dunkelberger.

ARTISAN RECEPTION

Members of Order Will Honor Supreme Medical Director.

The members of the United Artisans lodge of Dallas will hold a reception in Woodman Hall next Saturday night in honor of Dr. W. O. Manion, Supreme Medical Director of the order. The reception will be public and every citizen of Dallas is cordially invited to attend.

An excellent program is being prepared for the occasion. Professor Jerro, a musician of note, will be in Dallas on that evening and will furnish several numbers on the program. The Dallas orchestra will also render several of its best selections. Other musical and literary numbers will make the program one that the people can not afford to miss.

The Artisans are everywhere noted as clever hosts, and their reception in Dallas will doubtless be largely attended.

WILL DISMISS TWO

Prosecutor Heney Refuses to Discuss Hermann Trial.

When interviewed in San Francisco, Friday, Francis J. Heney declined to say when Hermann would be brought to trial again. He showed a disinclination to discuss the recent trial at Portland, but said certain of the seven indictments for alleged land frauds will be dismissed. He refused to state when he will ask for the dismissals.

"The two indictments against Henry Medrum will not be dismissed at the present time," he said, "for he is a witness. The indictment against Williamson will not be dismissed, but I will ask for the dismissal of the indictments against both McKinley and Puter, for they have served a term in prison."

Heney says he is unable to state when he will return to Portland. He refuses to discuss the personnel of the Hermann jury and also declined to discuss the result of the trial.

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